

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2005 in which claims 1-7 and 15-20 were allowed, claims 8 and 11-14 were rejected, and claims 9-10 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indicated allowability of claims 1-7, 9-10 and 15-20 and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims in view of the above-amendments and the following remarks.

I. CLAIMS 8 AND 11-14

Claims 8 and 11-14 were rejected under §103(a) as being obvious over the Nanda et al. article. However, claims 9-10 which depend from claim 8, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Although Applicants disagree with the rejection of claim 8 and respectfully traverse the Office Action's interpretation of the Nanda et al. article, claim 8 is amended to include elements from dependent claim 9 in order to expedite processing of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue independent claim 8 in its original form in a subsequent continuation application. Since dependent claim 9 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 8 and its remaining dependent claims be withdrawn.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,
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